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Salutem in Christo.



Good men and euill delyght in contraries. The good in seeking for truth, and maintenance therof: Euill, in hyding of truth, and oppressing thereof: and so consequently to publish truth, is to please the good, and to displease the euill. Wherefore, hearing that amongst the common sortes of men at this tyme: it is not certainly knowen what is the cause that the Duke of Norfolke is newly committed to the Towre, and sundrie others: And knowing that good men will be wel satisfied to vnderstand the truth which euil men woulde couer and oppresse: I could not but in conscience to satisfie the good, and byde or stop the lying and open slanderous mouthes of the euill and seditious, notifie thus muche to you, whereby you maye also communicate the same to others, for that it is likely that false and slanderous reportes will be readily made hereof to serue the appetites of the euill disposed.

First, it is not vnknowen that the Duke of Norfolke did of late yeares secretly practise to haue married with the Scottishe Queene, without the knowledge of the Queenes maiesty our soueraigne Lady.

It is not also vnknowen that the sayde Scottishe Queene hath bene the most dangerous enemye against the Queenes Maiesty our soueraigne Lady, that lyued, in that shee sought to haue the Crowne of Englande from hir Maiesty, immediately after Queene Maries death.

It is also well knowne, that when shee could not get it, neyther by force nor cunning, shee solemnly promised to acknowledge hir error, and to recognize the verie true right to bee iustlye in the Queenes Maiestie our soueraigne Ladye, to whome the same belongeth, as lawfull daughter and heyre to kyng Henry the eighth hir father, and so also by the lawes of the realme perfectly established, to succede King Edward the sixth hir brother, and Queene Marie hyr elder sister, and by the homage of all hir Nobles, Prelates, and people as duely acknowledged at hyr Cozonation, as euer anye king of England was in anye former tyme. And in verie deede, as worthy a Prince for thys Realme for hyr clemencie and goodnesse in gouernment as euer reigned.

It is also knowne that the Scottishe Queene hath not yet perfourmed hir promise, but with freuolous answers hath delayed it, neyther is it of anye force to be demanded, or worth the hauing, if shee would yeelde to perfourme it. For neyther can shee that could not get this Realme when she sought it wrongfully, nor keepe hir owne when shee had it quietly, amende the Queenes Maiesties estate, which is fully perfite: nor yet is any thing that shee should promise, to be holde, firme and durable: but as tyme shall geue hir cause to keepe it or breake it.

It is also sayde and crediblye suowed that the Scottishe Queene, was the greatest cause of the rebellion lately in the north, wherebye some notable houses that had serued this realme, partly by themselves, and specially by the Princestours gallantes against the Scottes, were by cunning practice of this Scottishe Ladie beinge deuiued of hir kingdome.

kingdome, inticed to ouerthrowe themselves and their houses, with a multitude of moze English subtleties than they coude haue done by Armes in the fildes, if they had bene in possession of hir kingdome.

It is also knowne, notwithstanding this, that the Queenes Maiestie being voyde of a reuenging nature, (as in all actes hath so appeared, that some sort of wise men haue noted it a fault for a Prince) did labour to haue restored hir to hir countrey (as in dede the Queenes Maiestie was the cause of saving of hir life, after the murder of hir husband) with composition betwixt hir and hir sonne the king, and the States and people of that Realme, thereby to put some good ende to the Ciuill warres in the same.

It is also knowne, that the Queene of Scottes did vpon the first apprehension of the Duke of Norffolke by writings to the Queenes Maiestie, bitterly renounce the Duke of Norffolke and his Mariage, with some note that she did not of hir selfe first moue it, nor yet like it. And so did the Duke himselfe, after his first apprehension: by many messages, & by speciall writing directed to the Queenes Maiestie, humbly and penitently acknowledge his offence in seeking to marrye with the Scottishe Queene, and did firmly vnder his hand and Seale promise neuer to deale therein any further, or in any other matter with that Queene.

And nowe it is certainly founde, that the former practise betwixt that Queene and the Duke, notwithstanding their seuerall renunciations and firme promises to the contrarie, hath had continuance without interruption by secrete meanes of sundrie

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euill persons; both all the time that the Duke was first in prison in the Tower; and also euer since, when he was committed to his owne house, untill he was now newly committed to the Tower.

But how dangerous soeuer this attempt may be iudged in them, to continue the secreete practise and intention to marry agaynst the Queenes Maiesties will, and the expectation of al that be knowne duetifull Subiectes to hir Maiestie, and true friendes to the Duke: That may best appeare by the dangerous practises that haue accompanied and followed this attempt, which almightie God hath marueylously discovered, to the safetie of hir Maiesties person and preservation of the Realme.

It was deuised and determined that a new rebellion should bee moued neere London. The Citie should be taken by force and possessed: in the meane time, a number of straungers men of warre, should be brought by Sea from the lowe Countreys beyond the Seas, to a notable Port of this Realme meete for the purpose, and so both forces of enemies and Rebelles should ioyne, and then proceede to further things than is expedient (as I heare) to bee spoken of at this time.

These deuises were not onely talked of, put in wytyng, and fully concluded, but the Messengers were also sent ouer Sea in Lent last, with sufficient authoritie of commission and wytyngs to testifie the determination of them that should be the heades and conductors of this rebellion, as the same being imparted on the other side the Sea, was well accepted and allowed: and thereof seuerall Letters were speedily written to the sayde Queene, and to the Duke

Duke of Norfolk, and specially to that vngracious
priest named the Bishop of Ross (the Instru-
ment of all the Dukes calamitie, and the seede man
of all treasons agaynst this Realme) that this en-
terprize must bee kept secreete, and name ly from the
Frenche, for certaine respectes not of small moment,
as is sayde, vntill the Messenger shoulde post to
Rome to the Pope for money, and to the King of
Spaine for order and direction for men and ships.
The Messenger had his letters of credite from the
Scottishe Queene, the Duke, and others, to the
Pope, and the king of Spaine. And so comming to
Rome: he returned Letters from the Popes gra-
cious holinesse in the beginning of May to the sayde
Queene, and to the Duke and others. The Letter
to the Duke was in Latin, beginning, Dilecte fili, sa-
ludem. But in deede the Duke might well say, hee
sent not salutem, but perniciem. The Duke had
them, and read them by the intercession of that afore-
sayde vngracious priest: The contents in some part
were, that the Pope well allowed of the enterprize:
He woulde write also to the king of Spaine to fur-
ther it, but his present businesse of the chargeable
warres then in preparing agaynst the Turke, was
the cause that money could not then be had for that
Sommer: And yet his vngracious holinesse after
his accustomed sort comforted them all not to dis-
paire: So it appeareth that God yet ordeyned him
eyther to bee so zealous agaynst the Turke, which
surely was a good act, or else his holinesse Coffers
are not now a dayes so full of money, as his Bulles
are of thunderclappes, so as the lacke of money at
that time happely stayed the prosecution to full ef-
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fect of this dangerous treason : And so it is to be hoped, that by the same goodnesse of God, the mischiefe hereafter ment shall be diuerted.

It was also by the deuisors of these rebellions and inuasions determined, that the Realme of Irelande should be assayled at the same tyme, thereby to weaken the Queenes Maiesties forces, or to diuert them from defence of hir selfe and hir good subiects.

Howe were it best to leaue with these former branches, for it is credibly sayde, that this tree of treason and rebellion hath a number of other branches of the very like nature: that is, in deuising how the Scottissh Queene shoulde haue bene conueyed away, sometime by disguising, sometime by plaine force, and raising of rebellion : and so put to liberty, and proclaymed Queene of England and Scotland : But to encrease the erroꝝ of hir stile : she shoulde haue bene proclaymed King and Queene of England and Scotland. It might be also reported how hir some should haue bene stolne out of Scotland, to be sent into Spaine, with such like deuises tending to mooue troubles in the Realme, that was and yet is (thanked be God) quiet.

And now it may be that some will say, that many of these things are doubtfull, and percase wrestled in report, eyther by malice, or by ouermuch credulitie : but truely in such credible sort are all the things aboue mentioned, with sundrie others to me reported to be verie true by such as haue cause to knowe them, & vse not to reporte vnttruths, as I doe boldly auow them to be true. And if they shall be founde otherwise, then it is lykely that some of the Queenes Maiesties counsell wyll cause them to be reprehended,

bed, who vpon this my wytyng shall report them,
and therevpon I wyll patiently suffer coꝛrection foꝛ
my hastie credite : foꝛ it is most lykely that suche
matters of estate as these are, wyll not be suffered
to be communicated wythout reprehenslon. On the
other side, if they be true, as I haue reported, and
yet not fully ynough reported, then tyme wyll shor-
tlye enlarge and confirme them, when hir Maiestie
shall cause the parties now imprisoned to aunswere
openly thereto, by oꝛder of hyꝛ lawes, as there is no
doubt but she will obserue to all maner of subiects
that course as hitherto manifestly and graciouslye
she hath done, and so God long keepe hir vnder hyꝛ
speciall pꝛotection, as hitherto he hath miraculou-
slye, to rayne ouer vs in peace.

Since I wrote this, I am the moze boldened to
thinke all these thinges true, foꝛ that this pꝛesent
daye the Lorde Mayoz of this Citie of London
with a number of his breithzen were at the Starre
Chamber with the Queenes Maiesties Counsell,
where I vnderstand by report of some of them that
heard what was sayde by the counsell to them, con-
cerning the pꝛesent case of the Duke of Noꝛfolke,
that the substance of all that is by me before repoꝛ-
ted, is verye true, with much moze.

At London the. xij. of October. 1571.

Your louing brother in
Lawe. R. G.